

Application No. 10/634,041

Amendment dated 11/08/2004 responding to Office Action dated 11/03/2004

REMARKS

These remarks address the Examiner's comments made in the Office Action mailed 11/03/2004. The section numbers used below parallel those used in corresponding sections of the office action.

(2) Rejection over Hoose

Claims 1 and 11-13 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) over US Patent No. 6,017,047 to Hoose.

Claims 1 and 13 have been cancelled, and may be pursued in a continuing application. Claim 11 has been amended to depend from Claim 2 rather than from Claim 1, Claim 12 depends from Claim 11, and Claim 2 has been amended into allowable condition.

(3) Allowable Subject Matter

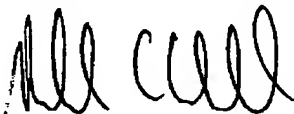
Claims 2-9 and 14-20 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to include all the limitations of their base and intervening claims. Claims 21-24 and 26-28 were indicated as allowable.

Claim 2 has been amended to include all limitations of Claim 1. Claims 3-9 depend ultimately from amended Claim 2. Claim 14 has been amended to include all limitations of Claim 13. Claims 15-20 depend ultimately from amended Claim 14.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all remaining Claims are now in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests issuance of the patent.

Respectfully submitted,



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